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Dear Mr. Jaffe,

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that I support, whole-heartedly, the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP). I stopped eating eggs years ago to boycott the industry that subjects hens to lifetimes of abuse which results in the premature death of the hens. According to a recent article I read, "forced molting is a major cause of salmonella poisoning in eggs. The stressful conditions weaken the birds' immune systems so badly that they become prone to disease, bone breakage, and salmonella infections. The result is sick birds and contaminated eggs." Furthermore, "hundreds of thousands of hens slowly and painfully [starve] to death as a result of [the trauma endured by forced molting]" and "because a lifetime of abuse has left them with injuries like broken bones, oozing abscesses, and internal hemorrhaging, [the hens] are used in foods that hide the true state of their battered and bruised flesh"

Mr. Jaffe, I pray that you will work to keep further abuse from occurring. Thank you for your time and attention. Please respond to this letter, so that I may know your stance on this matter.

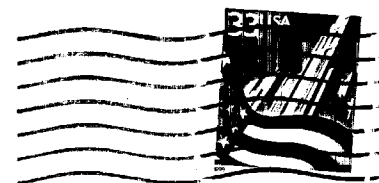
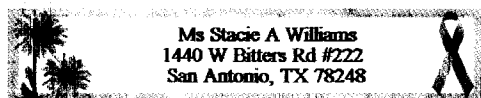
Sincerely,



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